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M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Electrical and Communications Systems; Notice of Meetings

This notice is being published in accord with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended). During the period March 1 through March 31, 1998, the Special Emphasis Panel will be holding panel meetings to review and evaluate research proposals. The dates, contact person, and types of proposals are as follows:

Special Emphasis Panel in Electrical and Communications Systems (1196).

1. *Date:* March 9, 1998, Room 680.

Contact: Dr. Rajinder Khosla and Dr. Usha Varshney, Program Directors, Physical Foundations of Enabling Technologies (PFET), Division of Electrical and Communications Systems, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 675, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1339.

Type of Proposal: Physical Foundations of Enabling Technologies (PFET).

2. *Date:* March 12 & 13, 1998, Room 1295.

Contact: Dr. Rajinder Khosla, Program Director, Physical Foundations of Enabling Technologies (PFET), Division of Electrical and Communications Systems, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 675, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1339.

Type of Proposal: Physical Foundations of Enabling Technologies (PFET).

3. *Date:* March 12 & 13, 1998, Room 1120 & 680.

Contact: Dr. Usha Varshney, Program Director, Physical Foundations of Enabling Technologies (PFET), Division of Electrical and Communications Systems, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 675, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1339.

Type of Proposal: Physical Foundations of Enabling Technologies (PFET).

4. *Date:* March 23 & 24, 1998, Room 680, 390, & 770.

Contact: Dr. Saifur Rahman, Program Director, Knowledge Modeling and Computational Intelligence (KMCI), Division of Electrical and Communications Systems, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson

Blvd., Room 675, Arlington, VA 22230.

Telephone: (703) 306-1339.

Type of Proposal: Knowledge Modeling and Computational Intelligence (KMCI).

Times: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

Type of Meetings: Closed.

Purpose of Meetings: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate PFET & KMCI proposals submitted to the Division as part of the selection process for awards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-250 and 50-251]

Florida Power and Light Company, Turkey Point Unit 3 and Unit 4; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of its regulations to Florida Power and Light Company (the licensee), holder of Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-31 and DPR-41 for operation of Turkey Point Units 3 and 4, respectively.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated December 12, 1996, for exemption from certain requirements of Appendix R, "Fire Protection Program for Nuclear Power Facilities Operating Prior to January 1, 1979," for Turkey Point Units 3 and 4. Specifically, the licensee requests an exemption from the requirements of Appendix R, Subsection III.G.2.a, for raceway fire barriers in outdoor fire zones, excluding the Open Turbine Building.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The Thermo-Lag fire barriers installed at Turkey Point Units 3 and 4 were found to have a rating of 25-minutes, which does not meet the requirements

specified in Subsection III.G.2.a. The proposed exemptions are needed because compliance with the regulation would result in significant additional costs.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the proposed action involves features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR part 20.

The proposed action will not result in an increase in the probability or consequences of accidents or result in a change in occupational or offsite dose. Therefore, there are no radiological impacts associated with the proposed action.

The proposed action will not result in a change in nonradiological plant effluents and will have no other nonradiological environmental impact.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no environmental impacts associated with this action.

Alternative to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action. Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action did not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statements related to operation of Turkey Point Units 3 and 4, dated July 1972.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on February 11, 1998 the NRC staff consulted with the Florida State official, Mr. William Passetti of the State Office of Radiation Control, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated December 12, 1996, as

supplemented on July 31 and October 31, 1997, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Florida International University, University Park, Miami, Florida 33199.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of February, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Frederick J. Hebdon,

Director, Project Directorate II-3, Division of Reactor Projects—I/II, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Licensing Support System

Advisory Review Panel

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of location for public meeting.

SUMMARY: As announced earlier (63 FR 6968), the Licensing Support System Advisory Review Panel (LSSARP) will hold its next meeting on February 24 and 25, 1998, in Las Vegas, Nevada. No location for the meeting was given at that time. It is now being announced that the meeting will be held in the Great Basin Room (A106) of the U.S. Department of Energy's office at 232 Energy Way, North Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting will be open to the public pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 94-463, 86 Stat. 770-776).

AGENDA: The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24, and from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., as needed, on Wednesday, February 25, 1998. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss amendments proposed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to its regulations concerning the design and operation of the Licensing Support System (LSS). The proposed amendments were published in the **Federal Register** on November 13, 1997 (62 FR 60789). The time period for comments on the proposed amendments expires on March 30, 1998.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) established the LSSARP in 1989 to provide advice and recommendations to the NRC and to the Department of Energy (DOE) concerning the design,

development and operation of an electronic information management system, known as the Licensing Support System (LSS), for the storage and retrieval of information relevant to the Commission's future licensing proceeding for a geologic repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste. Membership on the panel consists of representatives of the State of Nevada, Nye County Nevada, a coalition of local counties of Nevada and California adjoining Nye County, the National Congress of American Indians, the Nevada Nuclear Waste Task Force, the nuclear industry, DOE, NRC and other agencies of the Federal Government which have experience with large electronic information management systems.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John C. Hoyle, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; telephone 301-415-1969.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Interested persons may make oral presentations to the Panel or file written statements. Requests for oral presentations should be made to the contact person listed above as far in advance as practicable so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: February 13, 1998.

John C. Hoyle,

Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting Notice

In accordance with the purposes of sections 29 and 182b. of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232b), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a meeting on March 2-4, 1998, in Conference Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Thursday, November 20, 1997 (62 FR 62079).

Monday, March 2, 1998

8:30 A.M.-8:45 A.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding conduct of the meeting.

8:45 A.M.-10:15 A.M.: Draft Commission Paper on Modified Approach for Fire Protection Rulemaking (Open)—The Committee

will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding a modified approach to fire protection rulemaking. The Nuclear Energy Institute and other industry representatives may provide their views, as appropriate.

10:30 A.M.-12:00 Noon: Final Rule for Requirements for Shipping Packages Used to Transport Vitrified High-Level Waste (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed final rule for requirements for shipping packages used to transport vitrified high-level waste.

1:00 P.M.-2:30 P.M.: Risk Ranking Approach for Motor-Operated Valves (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding risk ranking approach for motor-operated valves.

2:45 P.M.-4:15 P.M.: SECY-98-001, Mechanism for Addressing Generic Safety Issues (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding SECY-98-001.

4:15 P.M.-6:30 P.M.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting.

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

8:30 A.M.-8:35 A.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding conduct of the meeting.

8:35 A.M.-10:00 A.M.: Elevation of CDF to a Fundamental Safety Goal and Possible Revision to the Safety Goal Policy Statement (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding staff actions related to elevation of the CDF to a fundamental safety goal and modifying the Safety Goal Policy.

10:15 A.M.-12:15 P.M.: Proposed Final SRP Sections and Regulatory Guides for Risk-Informed, Performance-Based Regulation and Related Matters (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and industry regarding proposed final Standard Review Plan sections and Regulatory Guides for risk-informed, performance-based regulations including applications for technical specifications, graded quality assurance, and inservice testing.

1:15 P.M.-1:45 P.M.: Report of the Subcommittee on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment (Open)—